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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN EVACUEES

REF: BANGKOK 5134

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT ADVANCE PLANNING BY BANGKOK AND PHNOM PENH IS IN ORDER IN THE FACE OF POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF KEY INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL (KIP) AS WELL AS USG EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES. AS FAR AS KIP AND FAMILIES ARE CONCERNED AN INDETERMINATE PERCENTAGE WILL WANT TO CONTINUE ON TO FRANCE AND WILL PROBABLY HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY. OTHER LESS FORTUNATE COLLEAGUES AND USG EMPLOYEES POSE GREATER PROBLEMS. WHILE WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH THE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT THAT THE RTG WILL NOT WANT TO ACCEPT GKR PERSONALITIES, BELIEVE THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE PREPARED UPON INSTRUCTION TO DISCUSS WITH THE RTG ITS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT REFUGEES PERMANENTLY IN ADDITION TO

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OTHER SERVICES IT MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY.

2. IN THE END MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE WISHES OF INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED. IF CERTAIN KHMER OPT FOR EMIGRATION TO THE US GUIDANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN SEPARATE MESSAGES. IN ANY EVENT, WE EXPECT FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SUBSISTANCE AND ONWARD TRAVEL FOR INDIGENT REFUGEES IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

IN THIS REGARD FOR EXAMPLE, WE WOULD HOPE RTG WOULD ASSIST IN PROVIDING INTERIM LODGINGS UNTIL INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED.

2. WITH REGARD TO KHMER EMPLOYEES WE WOULD REMIND EMBASSY OF IMPORTANCE OF DESTROYING ALL PERSONNEL FILES IN EVENT OF EVACUATION IN ORDER AVOID HAVING THESE FALL INTO KC HANDS. KISSINGER

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